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The Honourable Gord Mackintosh
Minister of Justice
Attorney General
Room 104 – Legislative Building
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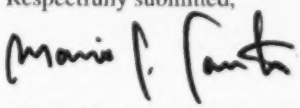
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 28 of the *Legal Aid Manitoba Act*, I am pleased to submit the Thirty-fourth Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 2006.

Detailed statistical information relating to clients, cases and costs is included. The report of the Auditor General and financial statements are attached. Also included is the Audited Statement of Compensation Paid to Board/Council Members and Employees and the Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in excess of $50,000 in accordance with Section 2 and 4 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act.

Respectfully submitted,



Mario Santos
Chairperson
Legal Aid Management Council

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 witnessed significant changes which originated from the recommendations of the 2004 Perozzo Report on Legal Aid Manitoba.

On August 10th, 2005, Bill 47 was proclaimed, and it significantly changed the way that LAM will function.

Section 2.1, of the Act proclaims that LAM is to serve the public interest by:

(a) providing quality legal advice and representation to eligible low-income individuals;
(b) administering the delivery of legal aid in a cost-effective and efficient manner; and
(c) providing advice to the minister on legal aid generally and on specific legal needs of low income individuals.

The Board of Directors was replaced with a Management Council, and as set out in section 6, Council is to direct the business and affairs of LAM, and must:

(a) oversee the financial management of LAM;
(b) manage the resources of LAM efficiently;
(c) establish operational and strategic policies for LAM; and
(d) evaluate the quality and cost-effectiveness of the services provided by LAM and the delivery of legal aid in Manitoba.

Other significant changes were detailed by our Executive Director in the 2004/05 Legal Aid Annual Report.

Three members of the past Board of Directors were appointed to the new Management Council, five councillors are new. In addition to the regular matters, Council has set out to review existing structures to determine what changes are necessary in order to make LAM compliant with the new legislation.

Council established an Advisory Committee, approved its terms of reference, and appointed the members in accordance with the new legislation.

The previous Board of Directors, commissioned an operational review with Prairie Research Associates Inc. ("PRA"), and Council is expecting to receive the report with recommendations in May 2006. Council will give serious consideration to the report's recommendations, and will direct operational changes which it deems beneficial to the organization.

LAM is funded by the Province of Manitoba, The Federal Government, the Manitoba Law Foundation and fee paying clients and their support is very much needed and appreciated. LAM is proud of the fact that Manitoba is considered to have the most extensive and robust coverage in Canada. Representation of the working poor through our expanded eligibility program, is an example.

LAM is continuously being asked to do more with less. Altogether, LAM has been able to meet most needs with no

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increase in funding for infrastructure or support staff while additional resources are allocated to the Police and Public Prosecutions. It must be recognized that LAM requires the same proportional increases. A balanced approach is necessary.

LAM was pleased that the Manitoba Government in 2005 again increased the tariff paid to the private bar lawyers. Hopefully another increase will be approved in 2007, which will address the justified concerns of the private bar.

I wish to acknowledge the dedicated work of the past Board of Directors, and thank them for strongly advocating on behalf of LAM clients. I also thank our dedicated staff, volunteers, private bar and all Legal Aid stakeholders.

I look forward to an exciting and challenging future.

Management Council
Back Row (from left to right): Luis Martinez, Wendy Whitecloud, Tony Gauthier, Chris Martin
Front Row (from left to right): Marietta Pelletieri, Mario Santos, Marlene Campbell
Missing: Herbert Peters

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reflecting over the past fiscal year, it is readily evident that Legal Aid Manitoba is entering into a new era.

This new era is characterized by a series of changes, some imposed by myself and others by Management Council and the Province, to bring about improvements to LAM service delivery. While some changes have been implemented out of necessity due to the steady decline in private bar participation, others have been imposed as a means to help LAM strive to evolve in its capacity to provide effective legal services to financially eligible people across the province while achieving a reasonable balance between cost and quality.

The new era of change is propelled primarily by the Province's decision to invoke legislative changes to our Act and regulations. Formally proclaimed in August 2005, changes to the LAM Act include:

- giving LAM more flexibility to appoint lawyers from either staff or the private bar while, where possible, considering an applicant's preference;
- enabling staff lawyers to conduct the defence in complex trials by dealing with conflict of interest guidelines;
- prohibiting eligibility for assistance to criminal organizations as entities and requiring mandatory investigations into the assets of individual applicants charged with criminal organization offences;
- strengthening investigative and collection powers for legal aid; and
- streamlining and focusing legal aid governance and creating a new advisory committee.

As our chair, Mario Santos, outlined in his message, we have a new Management Council. On behalf of LAM, I would like to welcome new council members Tony Gauthier (Treasurer), Chris Martin, Luis Martinez, and Herbert Peters. I welcome back Marlene Campbell, Marietta Pellettieri, and Wendy Whitecloud who continue on from the previous Board. I would also like to thank the outgoing Board of Directors, Bill Armstrong, Rob Dewar, George Pelletier, Diane Dzydz, Dennis Troniak and Ivan Moose, for their direction and governance over their many years of service. Their commitment to our vision provided LAM with the ability to confidently address emerging challenges while striving to ensure that all Manitobans can access affordable legal assistance for their criminal and family matters.

Many events are reported in the year in review section. Other significant events that occurred during 2005/06 which impacted on LAM's organizational operations include:

- Pursuant to our amended conflict legislation, staff lawyers are now recognized as not being in conflict simply because they are advising or representing a person in a dispute who has been advised or represented by another LAM solicitor.

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To adhere to these changes, all of our community law offices are now considered independent entities for conflict purposes. Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures have also been implemented to govern the daily operations of our community law offices.

- Pursuant to the Legal Aid Lawyers' Association (LALA) 2003-2006 collective agreement, senior lawyers received pay increases in parity with the provincial crown attorneys. Additionally, in an arbitration decision, the BB2 category was redefined and is now attainable by senior staff lawyers having been called to the Bar for at least 10 years. Senior management has developed a formalized process to assess candidates seeking promotion from the BB1 to the BB2 category.

- The Province increased the tariff rate paid to the private bar for legal aid services in FY 05/06. The hourly rate for criminal and family law cases increased more than seven percent to $57 per hour from $53. The tariff for family matters also received a further five percent increase to recognize the time and effort put into such cases.

Priorities established for the coming fiscal year include developing and implementing an action plan arising from the operational review, developing a five year business and strategic plan, working with Management Council to invoke by-laws and governance processes, implementing and monitoring the impact of new conflict legislation, developing a complexity weighted caseload for staff lawyers as well as proceeding to find ways to provide services more efficiently and economically.

In 2005/2006 we provided legal services to over 80,000 clients with a mix of staff and private bar lawyers. Our service delivery remains exceptionally high despite fiscal exigencies, thriving demands for services, evolving case complexity and private bar attrition. LAM is very fortunate to have a dedicated and experienced staff willing to ensure accessible legal coverage for Manitobans with low incomes even under such difficult and stressful conditions.

I would like to thank staff for their ongoing support and commitment. The coming year will bring fundamental changes to the organization. I encourage staff to remain positive as LAM works towards renewing and strengthening its service delivery through changes in service coverage, procedures and protocols to include solid accountability processes that will prepare the organization to meet future challenges.

Legal Aid Manitoba Administration Office

2005/2006 YEAR IN REVIEW

Victories for the Public Interest Law Centre

The Public Interest Law Centre worked in partnership with Ms. Candace Everard of Pitblado LLP on a case dealing with rehabilitation expenses incurred by people injured in automobile accidents. In September 2005 the Public Interest Law Centre won in the Manitoba Court of Appeal, clarifying the law and paving the way for accident victims to claim reimbursement for a broad variety of rehabilitation expenses. This decision is particularly significant to accident victims left with intellectual disabilities or cognitive impairments who might otherwise have been excluded from the no-fault insurance scheme.

> *"The Centre has continued to generate a substantial amount of revenue and donated services, allowing for the continued provision of broad public interest legal representation."*
>
> *Byron Williams*
> *Director, PILC*

Late December brought another victory when the Province of Manitoba stayed charges against a number of First Nation resource users who had been charged with unauthorized use of Crown lands. Our clients had argued that their First Nation had unextinguished aboriginal title to the area in question. While the Province did not explicitly accept the existence of unextinguished aboriginal title, it conceded that the regulation in question is of no force and effect against First Nation people in the area.

The question of whether there continues to be unextinguished aboriginal title in Manitoba is being closely watched by the Province and First Nation communities as well as leading academics. A successful resolution of this case could open the doors of economic opportunity for a number of First Nations in this province and others. The Public Interest Law Centre is continuing to work on this issue in cooperation with the firm of Myers, Weinberg LLP.

Aboriginal Services

The Aboriginal Law Centre provides representation in both family cases and criminal cases as well as for individuals with other legal issues that are of particular concern to Aboriginal people or the Aboriginal community in general. Some of the other types of cases handled by the Centre involve issues of civil rights, human rights, band governance, treaty status, child protection services and the provision of other social services such as social allowances, health care and policing.

The Aboriginal Law Centre offers non-adversarial, concensus building and restorative approaches to the resolution of legal issues in a manner consistent with the values and traditions of Aboriginal people. It develops and maintains valuable working relationships and referral systems with Aboriginal community organizations engaged in addressing fundamental issues of justice within the Aboriginal community. The Centre provides telephone and drop-in advice and information as well as informal advocacy to the general public. The Centre's staff are also involved in community outreach and public legal education activities.

> *"A significant number of clients and cases are referred to the Centre by Aboriginal social service organizations and advocacy groups that value the understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal issues shown over the years by the Centre's staff."*
>
> *Michael Pulak*
> *Supervising Attorney*
> *Aboriginal Law Centre*

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Drop-In Centre

All persons in the City of Winnipeg are seen at the Drop-In Centre located on the 3rd floor, 294 Portage Avenue. The Drop-In Centre is open from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week.

The workload is evenly shared among the legal staff of all the Winnipeg offices. The staff providing the service at our Drop-In Centre consists of lawyers, paralegals, articling students and intake officers. The five-person staff complement ensures that there is at least one staff person available to cover every possible need or request as clients attend the Drop-In Centre for a variety of reasons (e.g., for advice, for information, to complete legal aid applications etc).

Advice is available by appointment or over the telephone in all of our community law offices outside of Winnipeg – Brandon, Dauphin, The Pas and Thompson.

> *"Any person who wants informal advice from Legal Aid Manitoba in Winnipeg can get it on the day that they come in looking for it."*
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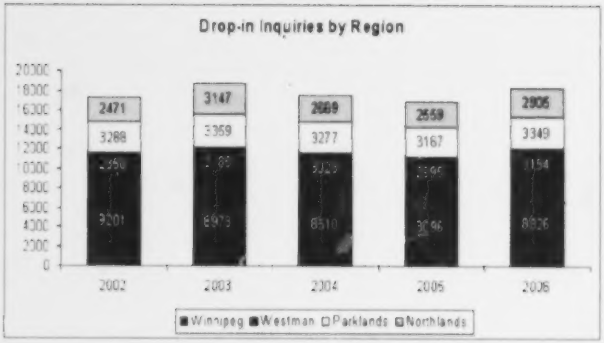
> *Gil Clifford*
> *Director of Operations*



University of Manitoba Law Centre

The Law Centre opens an average of 550 files per year. The vast majority of these files involve defending individuals charged with summary conviction *Criminal Code* offences. The services provided are those that would be provided by counsel acting on behalf of an accused person including negotiations with the Crown, speaking to sentence, and conducting trials. The remainder of the caseload includes the defence of *Highway Traffic Act* offences where conviction would result in licence suspensions, residential tenancy matters, small claims matters such as consumer complaints, and increasingly, representing individuals in disputes with Manitoba Public Insurance.

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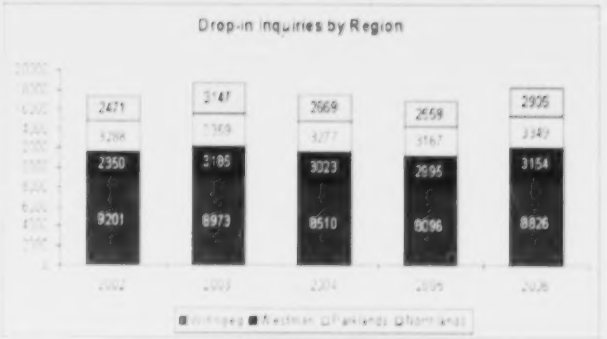

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The Law Centre is staffed by second and third year law students who volunteer their time during the academic year. Four students are hired during the summer months to complete ongoing cases and ensure that the services of the Clinic are available to the public during periods when the Faculty of Law is not in session. The students operate under the authority of Section 21 of the *Legal Professions Act* and are registered with the Law Society of Manitoba.

Although students have the primary responsibility for the actual conduct of a file, no major step on a file is taken without the concurrence of a supervisor. Supervision is provided by Professor David Deutscher, the Clinic Director, and staff lawyers from the Criminal Law Office of LAM. In addition, members of faculty and other LAM staff are available to provide advice and information when matters require special expertise.

LAMAS – Legal Aid Manitoba Application System is Coming

Legal Aid continued throughout 2005 and into 2006 to work with Protegra Technology Group, a Manitoba company, to design, develop and implement an innovative new application, custom built for Legal Aid's unique business process. The "Legal Aid Manitoba Application System" (LAMAS) will integrate into one application the certificate system which has been used to receive applications, issue certificates and pay private bar lawyers since 1987, and the community law office system used by staff lawyers to track time and appearances on client files. The new application will also integrate data from the accounting system and lawyer calendars.

The process has been challenging but the benefits will include not only a modern integrated application which will allow LAM to track work done and cost expended, but a flexible and useful tool for staff lawyers and support staff with which to provide service to clients. The application is being designed and built using a browser-based user interface and with Open Source tools. At the end of the day LAM will pay no ongoing licence fees for any aspect of the program and will effectively "own" LAMAS outright. There are still some major issues that must be addressed before the application is ready for deployment. LAM staff and Protegra continue to work on LAMAS with a view to implementing it in the next fiscal year.

New Criminal Court Circuit Added to Duty Counsel Services

LAM provides duty counsel in many criminal and youth courts and some child welfare courts throughout the province. Duty counsel is there to help people who must appear in court but do not have a lawyer acting for them.

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Legal Aid duty counsel is available in 54 Provincial Court locations throughout Manitoba. This includes a new criminal circuit court created in Camperville, Manitoba. The creation of this new circuit is significant as it addresses a concern identified by the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry that this region is underserviced by the court system. Prior to the Camperville circuit, Manitobans residing in this region were forced to travel a great distance in order to attend court, while at the same time enduring hazardous travel conditions with poor roads, virtually no public transportation system and sometimes adverse weather conditions.

> *"We have an acute shortage of private bar lawyers in the north. To their credit, both the private bar and staff make herculean efforts to serve as many people as possible."*
>
> *Theresa McDonald*
> *Supervising Attorney/Area Director*
> *Thompson Community Law Centre*

Big Case Management Program Proving to be a Success

The Big Case Management Program was introduced in July 2004. This program is designed to manage unusually complex and lengthy cases. As of March 31, 2006 approximately 90 cases have been processed. The aim of the project is to assess the costs of these cases at an early stage to a) provide some predictability to the private bar such that an informed decision can be made on whether to accept a certificate and b) provide cost predictability and management for LAM. The program is proving to be successful and is being continued.

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Drug Treatment Court Project Begins

On January 10, 2006 the Winnipeg Drug Treatment Court sat for the first time. LAM is a major stakeholder in this project which has been in the planning stages for over three and a half years.

This court is a three year federally funded project. The intent is to focus on dealing with the accused person's drug addiction, instead of continuing to incarcerate individuals who commit crimes as a result of or to feed their drug addiction, which in turn will hopefully put a stop to the criminal activity.

Accused persons who elect to participate in the treatment program are closely monitored as they deal with their addiction issues. The treatment program spans approximately one year and upon successful completion, the accused person, who has entered a guilty plea before entering the program, will avoid an incarceratory sentence. LAM provides duty counsel for this court on a weekly basis. In addition, staff lawyers represent individual accused persons in the program. Representatives from LAM continue to be involved as members of the executive committee, the court committee and the evaluation committee.

Collaborative Law Pilot Project Extended

On April 1, 2004 a three year Collaborative Law Project was commenced with Federal funding support. As of March 31, 2006 the project has been extended another year with continued Federal funding. With limited exceptions all family cases where both sides are legally aided are referred to the project. Approximately 26% of family cases met the project criteria.

Cases are distributed to independent community law office staff and private bar lawyers who have received collaborative law training and have opted to join the project.

The project has provided a successful and efficient method of delivering family law services.

Collaborative Law does not use traditional litigation protocols. Cases are resolved without court intervention.

Investments in Criminal Legal Aid Renewal

For the fiscal period 2003/04 – 2005/06 the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers responsible for Justice agreed to work together on developing a renewal strategy that would ensure the legal needs of economically disadvantaged Canadians are met in a fair and equitable manner.

Over the course of its three year existence, the federal government's Investment Fund has allowed LAM to access over $3.3M to fund several vital initiatives for the delivery of criminal legal services. More specifically, LAM was able to implement a number of projects which have positively impacted several longstanding unmet needs within our service delivery. Projects implemented over the past years include:

- **Project Management and Coordination** - Hired a policy analyst to undertake a number of core reporting and management activities for the Investment Fund.

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- **Aboriginal Services** - Hired a lawyer and legal secretary (in the Aboriginal Law Centre) to provide culturally sensitive criminal legal services.

- **Increase French Language Services** - Contracted a private bar lawyer to provide bilingual duty counsel services in a recently created criminal court located in St. Pierre-Jolys equipping LAM with the ability to meet the standards of "active offer" for legal services in French.

- **Domestic Video Bail Court** - Offset the costs of providing legal support and advice to accused persons held within remand custody for the Domestic Violence Front End Project.

- **Rural Access to Justice** - Hired staff lawyers and support staff in both Thompson and Dauphin, improving access to justice in many northern communities in Manitoba.

- **Rural Travel and Mileage Increments** - Used investment fund resources to increase hourly travel and mileage rates to private bar lawyers taking certificates in northern areas.

- **Communications Officer** - Seconded a staff employee to update and develop new brochures, overhaul the LAM website content, and liaise with the private bar and other key stakeholders.

- **Prison and Parole Law** - Provided legal assistance to inmates dealing with prison and parole issues at Headingley Correctional Centre and Stony Mountain Institution using staff lawyers and paralegal support.

- **Mental Health Paralegal Project** – Enabled a paralegal to travel to mental health facilities to provide information, take applications, and offer other legal services to clients who have been, or may become involved with the criminal justice system.

- **Enhancement to Brydges On-Call Services** - Used investment fund resources to increase renumeration rates to the private bar providing Brydges on-call service, thereby ensuring round-the-clock coverage.

- **Enhanced Duty Counsel Services** - Hired two junior staff lawyers to provide additional support for the provision of duty counsel services in our Criminal Law Office.

- **Improving LAM Data Management** - Hired an IT specialist to provide assistance developing LAMAS and other Systems' projects to improve our data management.

- **Big Case Management/Complex Cases** - Developed the infrastructure for the Big Case Management project to increase cost predictability of complex cases and ensure fair renumeration for work done by the private bar where cases exceed LAM's tariff.

- **Tariff Committee** - Offset partial costs of the Perozzo Report.

> *"These projects have proven extremely beneficial to Legal Aid Manitoba, allowing us to expand our services in areas where there is a clear need for high quality, reliable and affordable legal coverage."*
>
> *Gerry McNeilly*
> *Executive Director*

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- **Training and Capacity Building -** Developed a series of training sessions (LAMAS, OpenOffice) to improve our capacity in the areas of informatics and legal aid delivery in order to augment service delivery effectiveness and efficiency. Funding was also used to offset the costs in planning and hosting our Staff Seminar.

Child Protection Full Service Duty Counsel Project Continued

The Child Protection Unit carried out its work under the Full Service Duty Counsel Project from February 2002 to March 31, 2006. The final evaluation report is due in June 2006, but we already know that the project will continue for another year. An early indicator of the success of the project is that this year we were able to downsize the Child Protection Unit from 3 lawyers to 2 lawyers, and from 2 paralegals to 1 paralegal, as a result of the effectiveness and efficiencies achieved. The Child Protection Unit continues to contract a social worker who works on site 3 days per week.

2005 Staff Seminar a Success

The Fallibility of Eyewitness Testimony – A criminal victim's perspective

Jennifer Thompson was the guest speaker at this year's bi-ennial staff seminar. Jennifer spoke to staff concerning her involvement in the wrongful conviction of Ronald Cotton. In two separate incidents in July 1984, an assailant had broke into two apartments, severed phone wires, sexually assaulted the female occupant and searched through their belongings, taking money and other items. As one of the victims of the two sexual assaults, Jennifer's identification and testimony was crucial in leading to Ronald Cotton being sentenced to life plus 54 years. However, DNA evidence exonerating Ronald Cotton in 1995. Jennifer provided staff with a remarkably insightful and powerful analysis of the impact of faulty eyewitness testimony and faulty police investigation tactics from the perspective of crime victims themselves.

Staff were particularly moved by Jennifer's presentation. A survey of the event indicated that she was exceptionally well spoken, inspirational and an amazingly powerful and courageous speaker providing "unbelievable insight from two perspectives, how it feels to be a victim of such a crime and how unreliable eyewitness evidence is."[1]

With society increasingly clamoring for the prosecution of crimes and the punishment of lawbreakers, Jennifer's cautionary tale reinforces LAM staff lawyers' role in ensuring that their clients are treated fairly within the criminal justice system.

1 Legal Aid Manitoba Staff Survey Report (2006)

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Operational Review Underway

In recent years LAM has been finding it increasingly more difficult to maintain its robust portfolio of core and specialized services while facing budgetary constraints, increasing demand for legal services, increasing case complexity, and diminishing private bar participation. Consequently, the prospect of cutting back on service delivery has become an increasing concern for LAM. Based on this concern and a desire to find financial efficiencies, LAM's Executive Director advised the Board of the need for an operational review of the organization in September 2003.

LAM retained the services of Prairie Research Associates (PRA) to conduct an operational review of the organization to determine how to maintain its core services and maximize its efficiency given current levels of funding. The operational review initiated in April 2005 had three main objectives:

- Produce a financial evaluation of LAM's service delivery model to determine whether LAM administers its resources effectively and efficiently.
- Review LAM's mixed model of service delivery to determine whether this approach is the most effective for delivering services.
- Review LAM's specialized services and compare them to legal aid programs in other Canadian jurisdictions providing similar service.

Based on their preliminary research findings, PRA has identified six main areas within the organization requiring further actions to maximize effectiveness and efficiency within its service delivery:

- Services/Coverage
- Eligibility issues
- Costing legal aid services
- Management issues
- Private Bar/LAM balance
- Governance issues

LAM believes that the report will help renew and strengthen LAM to fulfill its mandate of providing a critical public service to financially eligible Manitobans through comprehensive, quality legal advice and services with solid accountability processes in place.

LAM anticipates PRA's final report in early May 2006.

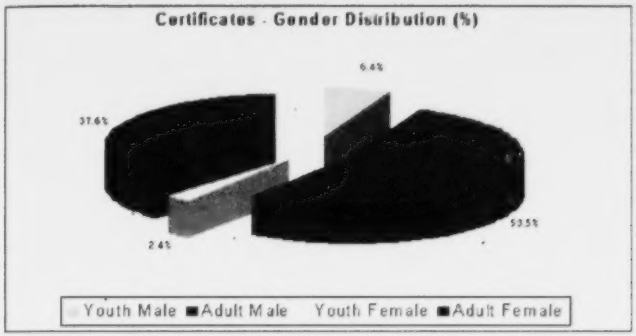
Community Law Office Staff Statistics

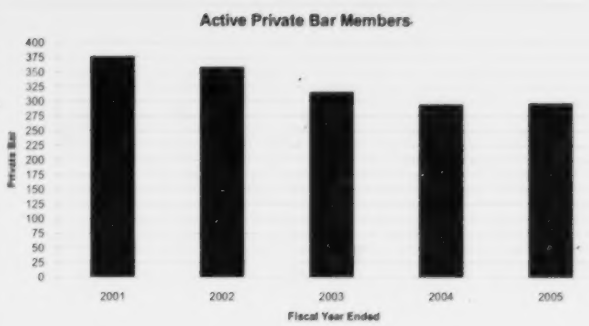
	Aboriginal Law Centre	Criminal Law Office	Collaborative Law Centre	Family Law Office	Northlands Community Law Centre	Parklands Community Law Centre	Public Interest Law Centre	Thompson Community Law Centre	University Law Centre	Westman Community Law Centre	ALL COMMUNITY LAW OFFICES
Supervising Attorney	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	8
Staff Lawyer	2	16	2	11	2	3	3	3	0	3	45
Paralegal	1	5	0	3	1	3	0	2	0	1	16
Articling Student	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Office Manager	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Support Staff	1	8	1	9	2	2	1	3	1	2	30
Total	**5**	**34**	**3**	**27**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**9**	**1**	**7**	**107**

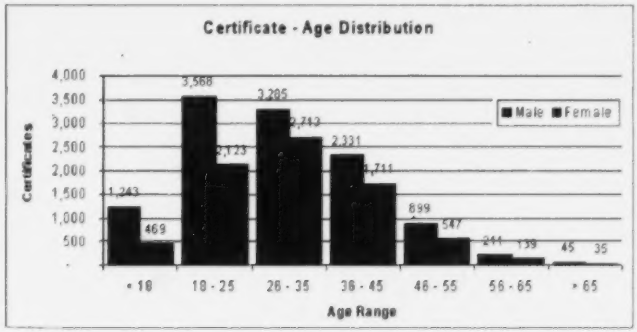
"I continue to be impressed with the high level of dedication my staff shows in providing top notch service in what are often stressful circumstances. I commend them for a continuing job well done."

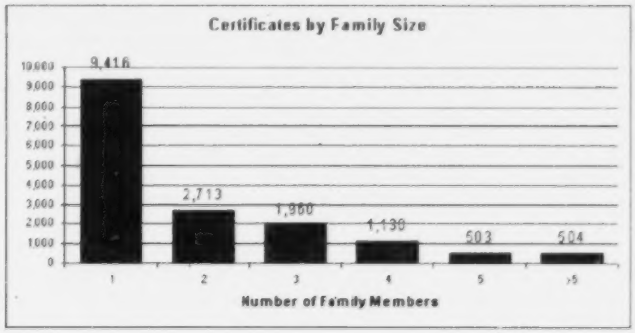
Therese Koturbash
Supervising Attorney/Area Director
Parklands Community Law Centre

Certificate Statistics







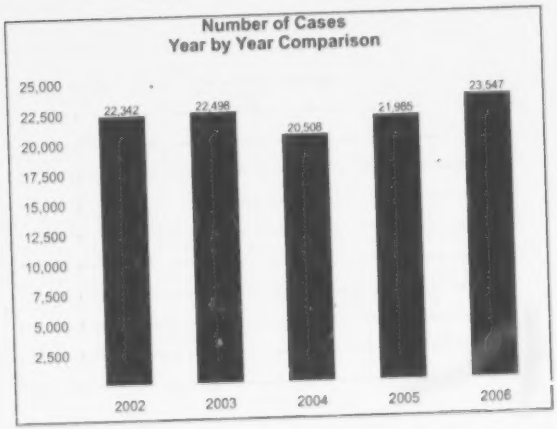


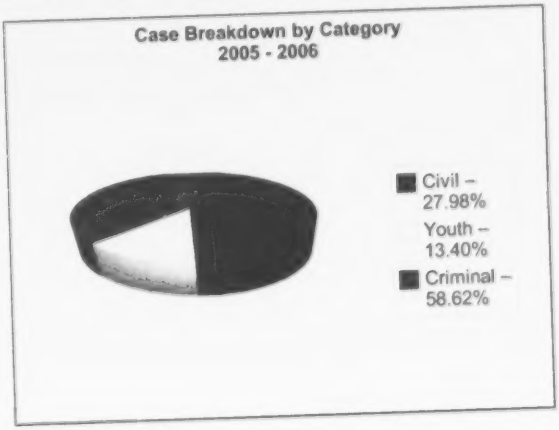
Legal Aid Case Volume History

For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Area	Certificates and Certificate Equivalents Issued							
	Civil		Criminal		Youth		Total	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Brandon	474	530	379	415	46	74	899	1,019
Dauphin	464	421	489	368	143	63	1,096	852
The Pas & Thompson	633	602	1,368	1,321	282	229	2,283	2,152
Winnipeg	4,497	4,605	6,023	5,383	1,459	1,353	11,979	11,341
Certificate Equivalents	521	598	5,544	4,944	1,225	1,079	7,290	6,621
Provincial Total	**6,589**	**6,756**	**13,803**	**12,431**	**3,155**	**2,798**	**23,547**	**21,985**

> *"I commend the staff on working through a difficult last year and their continued provision of excellent service to our clientele."*
>
> *Brian Midwinter*
> *Supervising Attorney*
> *Northlands Community Law Centre*





Legal Aid Activity by Area

For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Area	Applications for Legal Aid Certificates		Applications Refused		Certificates Issued						Certificates Cancelled		Persons Assisted Duty Counsel	
					Civil		Criminal		Youth					
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Brandon	1,301	1,378	342	345	474	530	379	415	46	74	103	98	3,925	3,379
Dauphin	1,277	1,040	208	205	464	421	489	368	143	63	109	69	3,211	2,871
The Pas & Thompson	2,539	2,289	236	158	633	602	1,368	1,321	282	229	116	102	4,714	3,438
Winnipeg	15,139	14,292	2,826	2,598	4,497	4,605	6,023	5,383	1,459	1,353	1,847	2,021	26,953	23,346
Certificate Equivalents	-	-	-	-	521	598	5,544	4,944	1,225	1,079	-	-	-	-
Provincial Total	**20,256**	**18,999**	**3,612**	**3,306**	**6,589**	**6,756**	**13,803**	**12,431**	**3,155**	**2,798**	**2,175**	**2,290**	**38,803**	**33,034**

NOTES:

1. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 there were a total of 23,547 (21,985 in 2005) certificates and certificate equivalents issued; of this total, 10,563 (9,882 in 2005) were assigned to staff lawyers through the following community law offices.

Area	Community Law Office	2006	2005
Winnipeg	- Family Law Office	1,897	1,940
	- Criminal Law Office	4,369	3,511
	- Collaborative Law Office	366	452
	- Aboriginal Law Centre	152	152
Westman		984	1,085
Parklands		1,041	1,038
Northlands		463	490
Thompson		1,291	1,214
Totals		**10,563**	**9,882**

Certificate equivalents are originated at the community law centre level and do not proceed through the normal application process. All normal certificate work may be handled through a Certificate Equivalent except for trial.

> *"The recent increase in legal aid services make us optimistic that we will be able to keep pace with the rising demand in Western Manitoba."*
>
> *Lorne Giesbrecht*
> *Supervising Attorney/Area Director*
> *Westman Community Law Office*

Legal Aid Activity by Area

For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

2. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 there were a total of 38,803 (33,034 in 2005) people assisted by Duty Counsel Services; of this total 35,464 (31,199 in 2005) were assisted by staff lawyers through the following community law offices.

Area – Community Law Office		***2006***	***2005***
Winnipeg	- Family Law Office	2,657	2,113
	- Criminal Law Office	22,307	20,149
	- Aboriginal Law Centre	3	4
Westman		3,895	2,859
Parklands		3,195	3,355
Northlands		737	780
Thompson		2,670	1,939
Totals		**35,464**	**31,199**

3. For the year ended March 31, 2006 3,612 (17.8%) of the applications for Legal Aid were refused as compared to 3,306 (17.4%) in the previous year.

Legal Aid Activity by Area

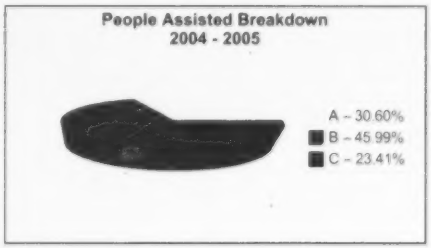
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

4. For the year ended March 31, 2006 there were a total of 18,234 (16,817 in 2005) telephone and drop-in inquiries. The following represents the break-down by community law office:

Area – Community Law Office		***2006***	***2005***
Winnipeg	- Administration	895	1,437
	- Family Law Office	3,078	1,980
	- Criminal Law Office	3,542	3,395
	- Aboriginal Law Centre	904	904
	- University Law Centre	407	380
Westman		3,154	2,995
Parklands		3,349	3,167
Northlands		852	620
Thompson		2,053	1,939
Totals		**18,234**	**16,817**

5. For the year ended March 31, 2006 there were a total of 80,584 (71,836 in 2005) people assisted either on a formal or an informal basis, an increase of 12.2% (increase of 3.4% in 2005) over the previous year.

Case	***2006***	***2005***
A Certificates and Certificate Equivalents	23,547	21,985
B Duty Counsel	38,803	33,034
C Telephone and drop-in inquiries	18,234	16,817
Totals	**80,584**	**71,836**



Analysis of Certificates Issued

For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Certificate Classification	Private Bar		Law Centres		Totals	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
CRIMINAL ADULT						
Murder	46	60	7	3	53	63
Attempt Murder	28	30	3	1	31	31
Manslaughter	10	5	1	1	11	6
Sexual Assault - A	15	13	-	-	15	13
Sexual Assault - Indictable	199	194	33	27	232	221
Assault - B	224	232	16	10	240	242
Robbery	386	329	12	7	398	336
Cause Harm/Death	24	36	5	4	29	40
Other Sexual Offences - B	46	28	4	8	50	36
Arson	37	42	9	-	46	42
Narcotics - B	349	271	63	40	412	311
Sexual Assault - Summary	43	36	3	-	46	36
Miscellaneous - B	22	15	-	1	22	16
Other Sexual Offences - C	6	10	1	2	7	12
Break, Enter	814	713	21	27	835	740
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	226	179	9	8	235	187
Theft - Indictable	92	111	10	9	102	120
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	71	71	4	2	75	73
Forgery/Uttering	78	70	3	4	81	74
Fraud - Indictable	20	12	7	5	27	17
False Pretences – Indictable	1	1	-	1	1	2
Mischief	203	184	11	4	214	188
U.A.L./Escape	61	62	1	-	62	62
Other Weapons Offences - C	74	67	5	2	79	69
Communication for the Purpose	27	23	-	1	27	24
Other Narcotics - C	96	54	6	8	102	62
M.V.O. - Federal	196	209	22	26	218	235
Uttering Threats	388	301	15	17	403	318
Obstruction	51	67	2	3	53	70
Breach Probation	792	682	12	7	804	689
Fraud - Summary	57	68	4	3	61	71
False Pretences – Summary	5	5	2	2	7	7
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	97	73	1	2	98	75
Theft - Summary	407	424	9	17	416	441
Other Breach and F.T.A.	545	479	14	11	559	490
Assault - C	1,852	1,785	90	67	1,942	1,852
M.V.O. - Provincial	11	10	-	3	11	13
Other Federal Offences	126	100	6	10	132	110
Other Provincial Offences	10	10	4	-	14	10
Parole/Prison Law	19	14	3	4	22	18
Appeals – Client	56	47	7	5	63	52
Appeals – Crown	4	4	4	1	8	5
Junior Counsel	14	8	2	-	16	8
Total Criminal Adult	**7,828**	**7,134**	**431**	**353**	**8,259**	**7,487**

Analysis of Certificates Issued

For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Certificate Classification	Private Bar		Law Centres		Totals	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
CRIMINAL YOUTH						
Murder	6	7	-	3	6	10
Attempt Murder	4	1	-	-	4	1
Manslaughter	2	1	-	-	2	1
Sexual Assault - A	-	2	2	-	2	2
Sexual Assault - Indictable	16	28	6	4	22	32
Assault - B	48	59	-	2	48	61
Robbery	156	135	1	2	157	137
Cause Harm/Death	3	5	-	-	3	5
Other Sexual Offences - B	8	5	1	-	9	5
Arson	29	34	1	-	30	34
Narcotics - B	45	37	1	-	46	37
Sexual Assault - Summary	7	7	2	2	9	9
Miscellaneous - B	5	-	-	-	5	-
Other Sexual Offences - C	1	1	1	-	2	1
Break, Enter	357	321	4	5	361	326
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	85	67	3	4	88	71
Theft - Indictable	72	118	1	2	73	120
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	24	39	1	-	25	39
Forgery/Uttering	5	8	-	-	5	8
Fraud - Indictable	2	2	-	-	2	2
Mischief	77	65	2	1	79	66
U.A.L./Escape	23	33	-	-	23	33
Other Weapons Offences - C	29	15	-	-	29	15
Communication for the Purpose	1	-	-	-	1	-
Other Narcotics - C	26	11	-	-	26	11
M.V.O. - Federal	13	9	-	2	13	11
Uttering Threats	46	33	2	1	48	34
Obstruction	11	9	1	-	12	9
Breach Probation	38	40	-	-	38	40
Fraud - Summary	1	6	-	1	1	7
False Pretences -- Summary	1	2	-	-	1	2
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	38	25	-	-	38	25
Theft - Summary	96	115	3	1	99	116
Other Breach and F.T.A.	53	54	-	1	53	55
Assault - C	236	184	12	8	248	192
M.V.O. - Provincial	1	1	-	-	1	1
Other Federal Offences	11	15	-	2	11	17
Other Provincial Offences	1	-	-	-	1	-
Parole/Prison Law	-	2	-	-	-	2
Youth Reviews/Breaches	294	174	4	-	298	174
Appeals - Youth	6	6	4	2	10	8
Junior Counsel	1	-	-	-	1	-
Total Criminal Youth	**1,878**	**1,676**	**52**	**43**	**1,930**	**1,719**

Analysis of Certificates Issued

For the Year Ended March 31, 2006

Certificate Classification	Private Bar		Law Centres		Totals	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
CIVIL						
Divorce	488	432	436	426	924	858
Separation	844	784	942	976	1,786	1,760
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	399	391	216	250	615	641
C.F.S.	516	605	185	160	701	765
Adoption	3	10	1	-	4	10
Parentage Proceeding	431	419	631	651	1,062	1,070
Immigration	90	118	-	-	90	118
Welfare Matters	7	7	63	53	70	60
Other Administrative	5	11	16	22	21	33
Landlord/Tenant	4	4	10	9	14	13
Appeals - Civil	8	7	7	9	15	16
Legal Opinions - Civil	8	3	23	10	31	13
Other - Civil	13	8	12	16	25	24
Youth Court Appointed/Amicus	39	58	16	12	55	70
Workers Compensation	2	2	11	9	13	11
Mental Health Matters	5	4	7	17	12	21
Estate Matters	2	1	-	-	2	1
Defendant - Civil Suit	2	1	3	3	5	4
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	1	1	-	3	1	4
Private Guardianship	135	135	86	76	221	211
Enforcement Only	7	8	1	1	8	9
Variation: Access/Custody	248	265	112	136	360	401
Disbursements Only	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Family	21	19	12	25	33	44
Total Civil	**3,278**	**3,293**	**2,790**	**2,864**	**6,068**	**6,157**

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Cases
(Private Bar Only)
For the year ended March 31, 2006

Type of Aid	Number of Cases		Total Fees and Disbursements		Average Cost Per Case	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
CRIMINAL ADULT						
Murder	53	47	665,902	479,729	12,564.19	10,207.00
Attempt Murder	30	25	119,638	61,062	3,987.93	2,443.00
Manslaughter	8	8	30,139	59,433	3,767.36	7,429.00
Sexual Assault - A	7	15	15,905	46,432	2,272.20	3,095.00
Sexual Assault - Indictable	186	161	216,567	171,536	1,164.34	1,065.00
Assault - B	251	175	300,860	175,036	1,198.65	1,000.00
Robbery	369	328	391,391	323,995	1,060.68	988.00
Cause Harm/Death	32	42	35,835	53,516	1,119.83	1,274.00
Other Sexual Offences - B	34	49	38,535	57,034	1,133.38	1,164.00
Arson	50	33	69,137	32,070	1,382.74	972.00
Narcotics - B	285	246	232,760	214,804	816.70	873.00
Incest	-	1	-	1,057	-	1,057.00
Sexual Assault - Summary	36	36	24,227	22,269	672.96	619.00
Miscellaneous - B	14	27	26,967	59,495	1,926.21	2,204.00
Other Sexual Offences - C	10	6	7,151	5,662	715.14	944.00
Break, Enter	815	637	398,233	325,805	488.63	511.00
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	209	166	92,492	79,343	442.55	478.00
Theft - Indictable	87	118	34,288	49,546	394.11	420.00
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	81	65	33,322	32,442	411.38	499.00
Forgery/Uttering	73	54	30,332	21,018	415.50	389.00
Fraud - Indictable	25	24	27,782	42,087	1,111.29	1,754.00
False Pretences - Indictable	2	1	447	291	223.35	291.00
Mischief	193	167	75,482	63,804	391.10	382.00
U.A.L./Escape	61	51	18,977	17,554	311.10	344.00
Other Weapons Offences - C	72	59	48,939	33,714	679.70	571.00
Communication for the Purpose	24	23	6,801	9,312	283.39	405.00
Other Narcotics - C	84	62	36,669	28,569	436.54	461.00
M.V.O. - Federal	205	195	91,613	89,430	446.89	459.00
Uttering Threats	360	244	150,612	120,670	418.37	495.00
Obstruction	64	56	23,875	26,055	373.05	465.00
Breach Probation	741	605	243,832	211,218	329.06	349.00
Fraud - Summary	64	57	24,138	22,966	377.16	403.00
False Pretences - Summary	3	11	1,264	3,621	421.17	329.00
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	90	69	30,478	23,510	338.64	341.00
Theft - Summary	413	382	129,161	124,025	312.74	325.00
Other Breach and F.T.A.	517	428	192,819	165,004	372.96	386.00
Assault - C	1,921	1,570	837,477	681,831	435.96	434.00
M.V.O. - Provincial	8	8	1,797	4,919	224.68	615.00
Other Federal Offences	129	85	92,824	106,943	719.57	1,258.00
Other Provincial Offences	9	10	8,510	6,418	945.52	642.00
Parole/Prison Law	16	18	4,739	5,834	296.20	324.00
Appeals - Client	50	42	87,339	95,521	1,746.78	2,274.00
Appeals - Crown	6	5	7,962	5,219	1,326.97	1,044.00
Junior Counsel	13	10	109,618	48,366	8,432.17	4,837.00
Total Criminal Adult	**7,700**	**6,421**	**5,016,835**	**4,208,165**	**651.54**	**655.38**

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Cases
(Private Bar Only)
For the year ended March 31, 2006

Type of Aid	Number of Cases 2006	Number of Cases 2005	Total Fees and Disbursements 2006	Total Fees and Disbursements 2005	Average Cost Per Case 2006	Average Cost Per Case 2005
CRIMINAL YOUTH						
Murder	2	4	11,331	22,329	5,665.31	5,582.00
Attempt Murder	3	5	11,313	9,568	3,771.04	1,914.00
Manslaughter	2	3	6,056	9,367	3,028.18	3,122.00
Sexual Assault - Weapon	3	-	3,854	-	1,284.50	-
Sexual Assault - Indictable	22	27	20,030	29,633	910.48	1,098.00
Assault - B	51	46	50,101	38,365	982.37	834.00
Robbery	152	122	126,637	99,789	833.14	818.00
Cause Harm/Death	2	6	1,596	4,873	797.82	812.00
Other Sexual Offences - B	9	6	7,689	4,432	854.31	739.00
Arson	32	24	22,617	17,291	706.77	720.00
Narcotics - B	48	25	31,658	21,462	659.53	858.00
Sexual Assault - Summary	6	10	4,594	4,538	765.65	454.00
Miscellaneous - B	-	2	-	1,059	-	530.00
Break, Enter	312	299	128,356	125,491	411.40	420.00
Possess Weapon Dangerous to Public Peace	76	49	29,457	17,312	387.59	353.00
Theft - Indictable	94	93	42,442	33,573	451.51	361.00
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Indictable	34	29	13,901	9,894	408.85	341.00
Forgery/Uttering	6	7	1,899	2,204	316.56	315.00
Fraud - Indictable	1	3	315	1,930	314.50	643.00
Mischief	75	55	26,840	18,392	357.87	334.00
U.A.L./Escape	24	33	7,189	11,048	299.52	335.00
Other Weapons Offences	26	13	11,124	5,758	427.83	443.00
Communication for the Purpose	1	-	314	-	313.93	-
Other Narcotics - C	25	13	8,269	4,690	330.76	361.00
M.V.O. - Federal	15	7	3,911	2,047	260.70	292.00
Uttering Threats	43	28	14,634	11,882	340.32	424.00
Obstruction	12	6	3,393	1,867	282.75	311.00
Breach Probation	37	33	11,747	10,069	317.49	305.00
Fraud - Summary	3	5	591	1,555	196.96	311.00
False Pretences - Summary	2	1	588	290	293.80	290.00
Possess Goods Obtained by Crime - Summary	29	32	8,764	9,079	302.19	284.00
Theft - Summary	112	83	38,149	26,216	340.61	316.00
Other Breach and F.T.A.	57	40	20,208	11,535	354.53	288.00
Assault - C	196	164	72,316	62,434	368.96	381.00
M.V.O. - Provincial	1	1	155	290	155.00	290.00
Other Federal Offences	10	11	2,931	3,151	293.12	286.00
Other Provincial Offences	2	1	358	805	178.93	805.00
Parole/Prison Law	-	3	-	1,606	-	535.00
Youth Transfers	-	1	-	454	-	454.00
Youth Reviews/Breaches	287	148	89,615	42,638	312.25	288.00
Appeals - Youth	6	6	21,883	6,199	3,647.21	1,033.00
Junior Counsel	-	1	-	1,000	-	1,000.00
Total Criminal Youth	**1,818**	**1,445**	**856,821**	**686,115**	**471.30**	**474.82**

Analysis of Completed Cases by Types of Cases
(Private Bar Only)
For the year ended March 31, 2006

Type of Aid	Number of Cases 2006	Number of Cases 2005	Total Fees and Disbursements 2006	Total Fees and Disbursements 2005	Average Cost Per Case 2006	Average Cost Per Case 2005
CIVIL						
Divorce	585	555	427,787	400,831	731.26	722.00
Separation	891	964	606,276	623,739	680.44	647.00
Variation: Maintenance/Enforcement	435	439	319,972	306,264	735.57	698.00
C.F.S.	587	498	566,010	447,054	964.24	898.00
Adoption	15	17	6,529	11,213	435.29	660.00
Parentage Proceeding	505	521	344,609	358,659	682.39	688.00
Immigration	102	74	106,499	63,503	1,044.11	858.00
Welfare Matters	5	6	3,566	2,387	713.10	398.00
Other Administrative	8	18	2,351	23,881	293.83	1,327.00
Landlord/Tenant	4	4	2,316	1,727	578.96	432.00
Appeals - Civil	7	10	9,967	12,889	1,423.90	1,289.00
Legal Opinions - Civil	4	2	985	181	246.36	90.00
Other - Civil	8	11	10,393	8,898	1,299.09	809.00
Youth Court Appointed/Amicus	65	50	63,129	39,608	971.22	792.00
Workers Compensation	6	5	1,954	3,610	325.73	722.00
Mental Health Matters	6	3	3,083	1,436	513.77	479.00
Estate Matters	-	1	-	754	-	754.00
Defendant - Civil Suit	8	12	16,097	12,463	2,012.14	1,039.00
Plaintiff - Civil Suit	2	2	312	2,154	155.75	1,077.00
Private Guardianship	143	172	98,640	105,985	689.79	616.00
Enforcement Only	8	6	4,456	2,377	557.01	396.00
Variation: Access/Custody	291	261	225,479	208,363	774.84	798.00
Disbursements Only	-	3	2,305	20,300	-	6,767.00
Other Family	26	26	14,887	13,465	572.59	518.00
Total Civil	**3,711**	**3,660**	**2,837,603**	**2,671,741**	**764.65**	**729.98**

Note: As of March 31, 2006 there were approximately 10,953 cases yet to be completed and paid compared to 11,659 in the previous year.

Legal Aid Fees and Disbursements by Area
(Private Bar Only)
For the year ended March 31, 2006

	Total Fees and Disbursements		Completed Cases		Average Cost Per Case	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
CRIMINAL ADULT						
Brandon	176,030	169,856	382	462	460.81	368.00
Dauphin	211,895	131,412	421	257	503.31	511.00
The Pas & Thompson	610,785	520,467	1,384	1,023	441.32	509.00
Winnipeg	4,018,125	3,386,434	5,513	4,679	728.85	724.00
CRIMINAL YOUTH						
Brandon	25,820	21,183	55	64	469.46	331.00
Dauphin	39,995	18,114	85	42	470.53	431.00
The Pas & Thompson	106,027	88,698	263	189	403.14	469.00
Winnipeg	684,979	558,118	1,415	1,150	484.08	485.00
CIVIL						
Brandon	199,370	149,808	300	242	664.57	619.00
Dauphin	95,626	101,898	168	158	569.21	645.00
The Pas & Thompson	230,456	188,938	333	268	692.06	705.00
Winnipeg	2,307,540	2,231,097	2,910	2,992	792.97	746.00
Totals	**8,706,648**	**7,566,023**	**13,229**	**11,526**	**658.15**	**656.43**

NOTE: Reconciliation to private bar fees and disbursements disclosed on the financial statements:

Fees and disbursements per private system as above		*8,706,648*
Add:	*Accruals*	*168,848*
	Miscellaneous	*1,744*
Less:	*Transcripts*	*(101,114)*
Fees and disbursements on an accrual basis as per the financial statements		***8,776,126***

> *"During the past year the staff have continued to provide quality legal services in an environment of change and increasing demands."*
>
> *Michael Walker*
> *Supervising Attorney*
> *Criminal Law Office*

Duty Counsel Fees and Disbursements
(Private Bar Only)
For the year ended March 31, 2006

	Total Fees and Disbursements		Persons Assisted		Average Cost Per Case	
AREA	**2006**	**2005**	**2006**	**2005**	**2006**	**2005**
Brandon	1,347.28	808.00	30.00	24.00	44.91	34.00
Dauphin	2,174.74	578.00	16.00	12.00	135.92	48.17
The Pas & Thompson	96,666.14	59,079.00	1,307.00	733.00	73.96	81.00
Winnipeg	105,203.00	63,693.00	1,996.00	1,089.00	52.71	58.49
Totals	**205,391.16**	**124,158.00**	**3,349.00**	**1,858.00**	**61.33**	**66.82**

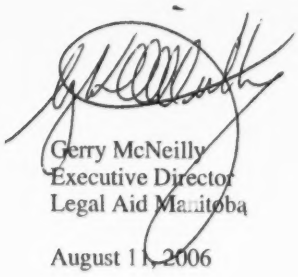
NOTE: *The financial statements show total duty counsel disbursements of $341,787. That figure includes disbursements of $14,035 for Age and Opportunity, $89,874 for on-call duty counsel, and $32,487 for communication and travel cost recorded in the fiscal year.*

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The accompanying financial statements of Legal Aid Manitoba are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated in Note 2 to the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2006.

As management is responsible for the integrity of the financial statements, management has established systems of internal control to provide reasonable assurance that assets are properly accounted for and safeguarded from loss.

The responsibility of the Auditor General is to express an independent professional opinion on whether the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance with the accounting policies stated in the financial statements. The Auditor's Report outlines the scope of the audit examination and provides the audit opinion.



Gerry McNeilly
Executive Director
Legal Aid Manitoba

August 11, 2006

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AUDITORS' REPORT
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To the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, and
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Winnipeg, Manitoba
August 11, 2006

LEGAL AID MANITOBA

Balance Sheet
as at March 31

	2006	2005
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	$ 1,468,182	$ 1,737,812
Client accounts receivable, net (Note 3)	225,589	232,910
Receivable from the Province of Manitoba	4,265,000	3,750,000
Receivable from the Government of Canada	269,608	361,201
Other receivables, net (Note 4)	69,985	71,040
Prepaid expenses	285,241	287,482
	6,583,605	6,440,445
Capital Assets (Note 5)	231,057	246,204
Long-term receivable - charges on land, net (Note 6)	758,753	775,595
Long-term receivable - severance - Province of Manitoba (Note 7)	716,166	716,166
Long-term receivable - pension - Province of Manitoba (Note 14)	10,023,029	9,083,274
	$ 18,312,610	$ 17,262,684
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	$ 4,541,425	$ 4,462,412
Accrued vacation pay	781,505	706,986
Deferred revenue from clients	413,889	387,320
	5,736,819	5,556,718
Severance liability (Note 8)	1,235,727	1,130,458
Provision for employee pension benefits (Note 14)	10,023,029	9,083,274
	11,258,756	10,213,732
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets	231,057	246,204
Restricted Net Assets	91,311	-
Unrestricted Net Assets	994,667	1,246,030
	1,317,035	1,492,234
	$ 18,312,610	$ 17,262,684

Approved by the Council

Chairperson

Council Member

LEGAL AID MANITOBA

Statement of Revenue and Expense
for the year ended March 31

	2006	2005
Revenue		
Province of Manitoba (Note 9)	$ 20,524,142	$ 19,059,150
Manitoba Law Foundation (Note 10)	1,153,929	1,227,629
Contributions from clients	890,806	898,193
Recoveries from third parties	389,978	284,632
Government of Canada	270,688	362,514
Judgment costs and settlements	93,466	110,149
Interest income	22,360	12,500
Other	10,214	6,683
	$ 23,355,583	$ 21,961,450
Expense		
Private bar fees and disbursements (Note 13)		
Legal aid certificates	$ 8,776,126	$ 7,844,529
Duty counsel services	341,787	248,767
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	101,114	48,952
	9,219,027	8,142,248
Community Law Centres, Schedule 1	9,041,179	8,585,948
Public Interest Law Centre, Schedule 1	574,103	465,839
University Law Centre, Schedule 1	90,692	86,617
General and Administrative, Schedule 1	4,605,781	4,094,596
	$ 23,530,782	$ 21,375,249
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expense	$ (175,199)	$ 586,201

LEGAL AID MANITOBA

Statement of Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended March 31

	2006				2005
	Invested in Capital Assets	Restricted Net Assets (Note 15)	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total	Total
Balance, Beginning of Year	$ 246,204	$ -	$ 1,246,030	$ 1,492,234	$ 906,034
Transfer to Restricted Net Assets	-	130,000	(130,000)	-	-
Restricted Net Assets Expenses	-	(38,689)	38,689	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expense	(55,200)	-	(119,999)	(175,199)	586,200
Capital Asset Additions	40,053	-	(40,053)	-	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	$ 231,057	$ 91,311	$ 994,667	$ 1,317,035	$ 1,492,234

LEGAL AID MANITOBA

Statement of Cash Flow
for the year ended March 31

	2006	2005
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities:		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expense	$ (175,199)	$ 586,200
Add items not affecting cash		
Amortization	55,200	40,811
Bad debt expense	182,078	140,581
Changes in working capital		
Client accounts receivable	(90,666)	(75,735)
Province of Manitoba receivable	(515,000)	-
Government of Canada receivable	91,593	118,494
Manitoba Law Foundation receivable	-	52,500
Other receivables	(83,036)	(84,259)
Prepaid expenses	2,241	(2,304)
Accounts payable and accrued vacation pay	153,532	451,438
Deferred revenue	26,569	34,532
	(352,688)	1,262,258
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Financing Activities:		
Charges on land	17,842	8,438
Long-term funding commitments	(939,755)	(943,218)
Severance liability	105,269	(2,905)
Provision for employee pension benefits	939,755	943,218
	123,111	5,533
Cash Flow Provided by (Used In) Investing Activities:		
Purchase of capital assets	(40,053)	(98,977)
	(40,053)	(98,977)
Net increase (Decrease) in Cash for the Year	(269,630)	1,168,814
Cash - Beginning of Year	1,737,812	568,998
Cash - End of Year	$ 1,468,182	$ 1,737,812

LEGAL AID MANITOBA

SCHEDULE 1

Schedule of Expenses
for the year ended March 31

	COMMUNITY LAW CENTRES		PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTRE		UNIVERSITY LAW CENTRE		GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE		TOTAL	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Advertising	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	24,159	20,048	24,159	20,048
Amortization	26,580	14,610	3,045	2,745	-	-	25,575	23,456	55,200	40,811
Bad debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	182,078	140,581	182,078	140,581
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,159	2,963	2,159	2,963
Collection costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,587	18,861	8,587	18,861
Computer costs	25,971	14,857	1,335	732	132	-	32,863	78,179	60,301	93,768
Council expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,315	32,938	88,315	32,938
Duty counsel	183,099	183,617	-	-	105	-	1,389	1,475	184,593	185,092
Equipment maintenance	57,091	69,811	7,859	3,060	-	-	27,861	43,471	92,811	116,342
Expert witnesses and consultants	-	-	22,710	26,959	-	-	-	-	22,710	26,959
File disbursements	215,546	250,793	85,057	89,023	1,138	465	22,354	25,457	324,095	365,738
Library	26,396	27,456	6,629	6,980	-	34	23,878	22,273	56,903	56,742
Meetings	28,925	28,529	93	61	-	-	16,263	16,893	45,281	45,483
Office expenses	217,246	171,879	17,650	9,048	1,479	1,629	136,020	91,749	372,395	274,305
Office relocation	3,748	6,911	183	10,439	-	-	-	2,836	3,931	20,186
Pension costs (note 14)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,130,842	1,030,493	1,130,842	1,030,493
Premise costs	536,733	499,035	20,473	19,871	-	-	147,551	130,169	704,757	649,075
Professional fees	104,492	137,415	8,946	5,415	-	875	237,505	222,850	350,943	366,556
Salaries, benefits and levy	7,368,302	6,946,398	386,177	276,808	83,169	80,808	2,209,925	2,066,855	10,047,573	9,370,869
Severance benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-	172,642	56,687	172,642	56,687
Staff development	41,180	35,061	3,681	4,222	-	-	58,015	27,076	102,876	66,359
Staff recruitment	16,525	9,164	66	875	-	-	494	2,731	17,085	12,770
Telephone	88,501	91,815	4,880	5,993	1,779	1,815	41,874	20,280	137,034	119,904
Transcripts and Contributed Services	14,561	15,367	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,561	15,367
Travel	86,283	83,230	5,319	3,608	2,890	991	15,432	16,277	109,924	104,106
TOTAL	$ 9,041,179	$ 8,585,948	$ 574,103	$ 465,839	$ 90,692	$ 86,617	4,605,781	4,094,598	14,311,755	13,233,002

1. Nature of the Corporation

Legal Aid Manitoba (the Corporation) was established by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

The purpose of the Corporation, as set out in the Act, is to service the public interest by:

a) Providing quality legal advice and representation to eligible low-income individuals;
b) Administering the delivery of legal aid in a cost-effective and efficient manner; and
c) Providing advice to the minister on legal aid generally and on the specific legal needs of low income individuals.

The Corporation is economically dependent upon the Province of Manitoba. Other revenue sources include the Manitoba Law Foundation, individual clients, and third party agencies.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

a) Accounting Basis

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

b) Revenue Recognition

The Corporation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Recognition of Contributions from Clients

Clients may be required to pay a portion or all of the legal costs incurred on their behalf by Legal Aid Manitoba based on the clients' ability to pay.

i. Agreements to Pay

Clients who are able to pay, sign an agreement to pay for their portion of the applicable legal costs. The amount the client is required to pay is specified on the legal aid certificate. The revenue and receivable are recognized when the certificate is signed.

ii. Expanded Eligibility

Under terms of expanded eligibility, clients are required to pay all of the legal costs and an administration fee of 25% of the Corporation's cost of the case up to a maximum of $250. The revenue and receivable are recognized based on the date of the lawyer's billing.

iii. Charges on Land

Charges on Land are registered under Section 17 of the Legal Aid Manitoba Act in a Land Titles Office against property owned by clients. The revenue and receivable are recognized at the later of the date the lien is filed or the date of the lawyer's billing. Collection of these accounts in the future is dependent on the client disposing of the property or arranging for payment.

c) Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The allowances for doubtful accounts are determined annually based on a review of individual accounts. The allowances represent management's best estimate of probable losses on receivables. Where circumstances indicate doubt as to the ultimate collectibility of an account, specific allowances are established for individual accounts. In addition to the allowances identified on an individual account basis, the Corporation establishes a further allowance representing management's best estimate of additional probable losses in the remaining accounts receivable.

d) Capital Assets

Capital Assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization of capital assets is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the capital assets as follows:

- Furniture and office equipment – 10 years
- Computer hardware and software – 4 years
- Leasehold improvements – over the term of the lease

e) Measurement Uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

f) Pension Plan

Employees of the Corporation are pensionable under the Civil Service Superannuation Act. The Corporation accrues a provision for the liability for the employer's share of employee pension benefits, including future cost of living adjustments, based on actuarial calculations. When actual experience varies from actuarial estimates, the adjustment needed is recognized immediately in net revenue (expense) in the year that the actuarial gain or loss arises.

g) Financial Instruments

The Corporation's financial instruments consist of cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Corporation is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

3. Clients Accounts Receivable, net

	2006	2005
Agreements to Pay	$ 73,802	$ 65,887
Expanded Eligibility	473,441	441,884
	547,243	507,771
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	321,654	274,861
Clients Accounts Receivable, net	$ 225,589	$ 232,910

4. Other Receivables, net

	2006	2005
Court Costs	$ 222,445	$ 204,391
Child and Family Services Agencies	19,529	12,248
Employment and Income Assistance	29,479	39,863
Employee Advances, GST Recoverable and Miscellaneous	16,899	14,674
	288,352	271,176
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	218,367	200,136
Other Receivables, net	$ 69,985	$ 71,040

5. Capital Assets

	2006		2005	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Furniture and office equipment	$ 155,743	$ 34,688	$ 115,690	$ 21,117
Computer hardware and software	66,078	49,650	66,078	36,570
Leasehold improvements	167,750	74,176	167,750	45,627
	$ 389,571	$ 158,514	$ 349,518	$ 103,314
Net Book Value		$ 231,057		$ 246,204

6. Charges on Land, net

	2006	2005
Charges on Land	$ 1,517,506	$ 1,553,190
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	758,753	776,595
Charges on Land, net	$ 758,753	$ 776,595

7. Long-term Receivable – Severance Benefits

The Province accepted responsibility for the severance benefits accumulated by Legal Aid employees to March 31, 1998. Accordingly, the opening severance pay liability balance as at April 1, 1998 of $716,166 was completely offset by a receivable from the Province. There are no terms of repayment for the receivable, and the amount will remain fixed at $716,166.

8. Severance Liability

Effective April 1, 1998, Legal Aid commenced recording the estimated liability for accumulated severance pay benefits for their employees. The amount of this estimated liability is based on actuarial calculations. The periodic actuarial valuation of this liability may determine that an adjustment is needed to the actuarial calculation when actual experience is different from that expected and/or because of changes in actuarial assumptions used. The resulting actuarial gains or losses are recognized immediately in net revenue (expense) in the year that the actuarial gain or loss arises.

An actuarial report was completed for the severance pay liability as at December 31, 2004 by Ellement & Ellement Ltd., Consulting Actuaries. The report provides a formula to update the liability on an annual basis.

Severance pay, at the employee's date of retirement, will be determined using the eligible employee's years of service and based on the calculation as set by the Province of Manitoba. The maximum payout is currently 23 weeks at the employee's weekly salary at the date of retirement. Eligibility will require that the employee has achieved a minimum of nine years of service and that the employee is retiring from the Corporation.

9. Revenue from the Province of Manitoba

		2006		2005
Grant	$	11,494,855	$	10,310,879
Salaries and other payments		8,179,332		7,868,652
Health and post secondary education tax levy		192,735		157,251
Employer portion of employee benefits		657,220		690,168
Contributed Services		-		32,200
	$	20,524,142	$	19,059,150

Grant revenue from the Province of Manitoba includes the Corporation's share of provisions recorded for unfunded pension liabilities.

10. Revenue from the Manitoba Law Foundation

		2006	2005
Statutory Grant	$	933,929	$ 1,007,629
Public Interest Law Centre		150,000	150,000
University Law Centre		70,000	70,000
	$	1,153,929	$ 1,227,629

A statutory grant, pursuant to subsection 90(1) of The Legal Profession Act, is received annually from the Manitoba Law Foundation. The Corporation's share under the Act is 50% of the total interest on lawyers' trust accounts as received by the Foundation or a minimum of $1,007,629, whichever is greater. In the event that interest received by the Foundation in the preceding year, after deduction of the Foundation's operational expenses, is not sufficient to pay the statutory minimum of $1,007,629 to Legal Aid Manitoba, the Act provides for pro-rata sharing of the net interest.

Other grants from The Manitoba Law Foundation are received pursuant to subsection 90(4) of The Legal Profession Act. These grants are restricted for the Public Interest Law Centre and the University Law Centre. At March 31, 2006, there were no funds remaining from these grants.

11. Commitments

i. Lease - The Corporation rents facilities under operating leases. Unpaid remaining commitments under the leases, which expire at varying dates are:

2007	$	639,942
2008		572,144
2009		521,954
2010		518,145
2011		328,141
Thereafter		219,244
	$	2,799,570

ii. Private Bar - Estimated total commitments for future billings on outstanding legal aid certificates amount to $2,648,000 as at March 31, 2006 (2005 - $3,271,000).

12. Related Parties Transactions

The Corporation is related in terms of common ownership to all Province of Manitoba created departments, agencies and crown corporations. The Corporation enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business.

13. Private Bar Fees and Disbursements

	Fees	Disbursements	2006 Total	2005 Total
Legal Aid Certificates	$ 8,181,780	$ 594,346	$ 8,776,126	$ 7,844,529
Duty Counsel	341,787	-	341,787	248,767
Transcripts and Other Contributed Services	-	101,114	101,114	48,952
Total	$ 8,523,567	$ 695,460	$ 9,219,027	$ 8,142,248

The Board declared a hold back holiday for all certificates processed during the fiscal year April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. Certificates issued in this fiscal year were not subject to a hold back.

14. Provision for Employee Pension Benefits

Pension costs consist of the employer's share of pension benefits paid to retired employees, as well as the increase in the unfunded pension liability during the fiscal year. This liability is determined by an actuarial valuation every three years with the balances for the intervening years being determined by a formula provided by the actuary. The most recent valuation was completed as at December 31, 2004 by Ellement & Ellement Ltd., Consulting Actuaries.

	2006	2005
Balance at beginning of year	$ 9,083,274	$ 8,140,056
Experience (Gain) Loss	(101,074)	-
Benefits accrued	603,848	437,180
Interest accrued on benefits	628,067	593,313
Benefits paid	(191,086)	(87,275)
Balance at end of year	$ 10,023,029	$ 9,083,274

The key actuarial assumptions were a rate of return of 6.50% (2001 – 6.75%), 2.50% inflation (2001 – 2.75%), salary rate increases of 4.25% (2001 – 4.5%) and post retirement indexing at 2/3 of the inflation rate. The projected benefit method was used and the liability has been extrapolated to March 31, 2006 using a formula provided by the actuary.

The Province of Manitoba has accepted responsibility for the unfunded pension liability. Accordingly the provision for employee pension benefits is offset by a receivable from the Province of Manitoba. There are no terms of repayment for this receivable.

15. Restricted Net Assets – Wrongful Conviction Cases

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, the Province of Manitoba approved a reallocation of $130,000 from Legal Aid Manitoba's unrestricted net assets. This funding is being provided for section 696 applications under the Criminal Code for wrongful conviction appeals on a pilot project basis until March 31, 2007. In the current fiscal year, the Corporation incurred expenses of $38,689 for private bar fees and disbursements related to wrongful conviction cases.

16. Public Sector Compensation Disclosure

For the purposes of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act, all compensation for employees, Board members and the private bar fees and disbursements from Legal Aid Manitoba is disclosed in a separate statement.

17. Legal Aid Manitoba Application System (LAMAS)

A new software application system has been under development since fiscal 2003/04 at a projected cost of $764,850. The system is being paid for by the Department of Justice. No costs were incurred by Legal Aid Manitoba and therefore, a capital asset has not been recorded in these financial statements.

18. Restatement of Accounts

Certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified where necessary to conform with the presentation adopted for the current year.

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Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Legal Aid Manitoba
Statement of Private Bar Fees and Disbursements in Excess of $50,000
For the Year Ended March 31, 2006
(Prepared in accordance with Section 4 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act)

Name of Firm	Amount	Name of Firm	Amount
PHILLIPS, AIELLO	$1,001,687.34	MARTIN GLAZER LAW OFFICE	$101,461.42
SAHEEL ZAMAN LAW OFFICE	551,709.71	BILL ARMSTRONG	98,234.00
BRODSKY & COMPANY	516,882.53	JAMES A.COX	94,506.03
GINDIN, WOLSON, SIMMONDS	514,434.34	EDMOND & ASSOCIATES	79,528.62
CASSIDY RAMSAY	474,616.70	TAYLOR LAW OFFICE	73,325.20
PAM SMITH & COMPANY	468,433.41	ROBERTSON SHYPIT SOBLE	70,814.87
PINX CAMPBELL INNESS	335,725.71	WILDER WILDER & ASSOC.	68,197.22
HUNT, MILLER & CO.	242,357.53	CATHERINE L. DUNN	66,783.33
SKINNER LAW OFFICE	236,523.69	BOOTH DENNEHY LLP	64,691.34
ARCHER PHILLIPS LAW OFF.	229,865.69	KOHAYKEWYCH & ASSOC.	64,638.18
McDONALD THOMPSON	192,240.96	RECEIVER GENERAL	63,698.03
DAWSON LAW OFFICE	174,508.79	GISELE CHAMPAGNE	62,978.32
KUCHER & NICHOLS	134,730.44	EDMOND MURPHY	58,661.55
SANDIP SETT	134,038.13	MINUK LAW OFFICE	57,159.99
WENDY MARTIN WHITE	128,559.12	IRWIN LAW OFFICE	54,766.63
REGAN THATCHER LAW OFFICE	126,816.52	LEONARDO ANICETO LAW	53,556.13
KILLEEN CHAPMAN	122,310.85	JAMIE TURNER LAW OFFICE	52,155.38
CHRIS SIGURDSON LAW	121,739.11	DOUGLAS MAYER	51,772.54
POOLE LAW OFFICE	108,888.29	STEVENSON LAW OFFICE	50,677.85
GINNELL BAUMAN WATT	102,799.78	EDWARD G. RICE	50,361.56
MCROBERTS LAW OFFICES	102,405.57		

The payments reflected in this statement are on a cash basis.

Legal Aid Manitoba
Statement of Compensation Paid to Board/Council Members and Employees
For the year Ended March 31, 2006
(Prepared in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act)

Paid to Board/Council Members

In aggregate		$77,545.00
Santos, Mario	Council Chair	64,858.00

Paid to employees in excess of $50,000

Name	Position	Amount	Name	Position	Amount
Peters, H.C.	Staff Attorney, Ret.	$157,461.21	McAmmond, J.	Staff Attorney	$107,496.62
Koturbash, T.M.	Supervising Attorney	129,387.25	Tailleur, L.J.	Supervising Attorney	105,875.99
McDonald, T.	Supervising Attorney	128,988.53	Robinson, G.B.	Staff Attorney	99,641.33
Malcolm, W.L.	Dir., Policy & Planning	127,424.17	Lovegrove, C.	Staff Attorney	99,188.79
Sherman, C.D.	Supervising Attorney	126,754.48	Barclay, J.A.	Staff Attorney	98,819.37
Paiuk, M.D.	Supervising Attorney	124,783.73	Funke, J.	Staff Attorney	97,169.05
Giesbrecht, L.B.	Supervising Attorney	124,577.53	Paler, S.	Staff Attorney	95,606.08
McNeilly, G.K.	Executive Director	123,687.50	Loney, A.	Staff Attorney	92,045.92
Clifford, G.	Dir., Operations	119,133.41	Van Schie, S.	Staff Attorney	90,782.67
Pitts, H.	Staff Attorney	117,246.32	Raposo, S.	Staff Attorney	86,131.65
Merrett, W.	Dir., Area	116,038.85	Sychuk, B.	Staff Attorney	84,341.92
Dunn, W.	Dir., Legal	115,670.85	Ramsay, J.	Dir., MIS	78,415.56
Walker, M.	Supervising Attorney	114,717.52	Balneaves,S.	Info. Services Officer	72,210.91
Krause, R.	Staff Attorney, Ret.	113,664.16	Froese, B.	Staff Attorney	70,504.16
Williams, J.B.	Supervising Attorney	112,869.45	Bowman, M.	Staff Attorney	70,441.90
Birks, C.G.	Staff Attorney	111,567.41	Sasley, E.	Staff Attorney	69,764.22
Strang, K.	Staff Attorney	111,543.68	Dwarka, R.	Dir. of Administration	69,469.86
Grafton, R.N.	Staff Attorney	111,315.66	Gembey, B.	Staff Attorney	68,263.17
Chartrand, L.R.	Staff Attorney	110,756.66	Nygaard, D.	Staff Attorney	66,593.07
Glowacki, L.J.	Staff Attorney	110,653.32	Tait, C.	Staff Attorney	64,751.90
Cadloff, K.A.	Staff Attorney	110,621.66	Perchal, J.	Accountant	63,217.15
Joycey, D.	Staff Attorney	110,611.75	Fawcett, R.	Staff Attorney	62,646.90
Woodman, R.	Staff Attorney	110,447.30	Koshy, S.	Staff Attorney	61,325.85
MacAulay,G.G.	Staff Attorney	110,156.57	Wiebe, C.	Info. Services Officer	59,833.06
Hart, M. E.	Staff Attorney	109,861.66	Masiowski, T.A.	Staff Attorney	59,652.95
Bates,G.D.	Staff Attorney	109,637.66	Stewart, W.A.	Staff Attorney	56,181.91
Pauls, C.	Staff Attorney	109,531.66	Midwinter, B.	Supervising Attorney	56,018.39
Hwozdulych, B.A.	Staff Attorney	109,429.66	Valcourt, G.	Info. Services Officer	55,670.37
Heinrichs, R.M.	Staff Attorney	109,425.66	Tacik, G.	Staff Attorney	54,738.29
Dzydz, D.	Staff Attorney	109,380.66	West, V.	Intake Officer	54,231.64
Brecht, R.B.	Staff Attorney	109,370.66	Polden, M.	Intake Officer	53,576.32
Sansregret, A.	Staff Attorney	109,351.66	Poneira, M.	Intake Officer	53,527.85
Libman, A.M.	Staff Attorney	109,006.05	Makar, L.	Intake Officer	53,512.85
Hawrysh, G.B.	Staff Attorney	108,777.76	Blicker, K.	Staff Attorney	53,341.40
Kingsley, P.	Staff Attorney	107,962.14	Chastellaine, M.	Paralegal	50,470.84
Cook, M.	Staff Attorney	107,496.62			

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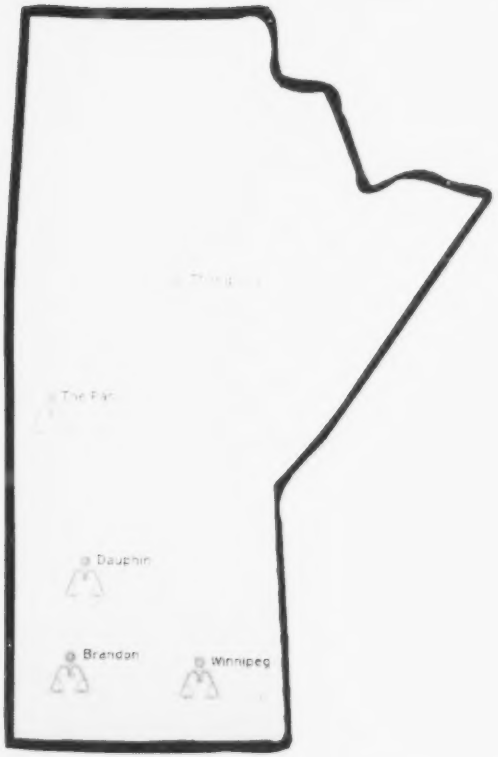

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